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Dear Ms./Mr. Pender,

International Division

Thank you for your letter dated 18 April 2003. In this letter you state that the omission of my name from the published U.S. application was erroneous.

In the correspondence between the applicant ('Stichting Technische Wetenschappen') and myself regarding this issue, the applicant declares that the omission of my name was an intended action on their behalf.

Possibly you can imagine that this makes me curious about the nature of the 'error' and which party is responsible for this 'error'. Therefore I would like to receive copies of all papers in the file wrapper of the application, but would prefer, given the above-mentioned circumstances, not to receive them via the counsel for the applicant. In my opinion it is, however, unreasonable that I should pay the costs (per 37 CFR 1.19) resulting from an error I have no responsibility for. I find it more reasonable that you would invoice the party that is responsible.

For the record I would like to state that on several occasions I offered the applicant to sign any document for joining the application. To date I have never received a request from the applicant to do so.

Thank you for your time and efforts,

With kind regards,



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